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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For the County of Linn.

H. E. Noble,
Plaintiff

vs;

Thomas A. Low,
Defendant.

To Thomas A. Low, the above named defendant.

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that H. E. Noble, the plaintiff herein, is the holder of certificate of delinquency No. 20, issued by the sheriff of Linn County, Oregon, on the 16th day of October, 1908, for the sum of three dollars and sixteen cents (\$3.16), the same being the amount then due and delinquent for the taxes of the year 1907, together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon real property situated in Linn County, Oregon, which is assessed to you and of which you are the owner of the legal title as appears of record, and which is particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The N. W. 1 of the S. E. 1 of Section 22, in Township 10 South, Range 2 East of the Willamette Meridian.

You are further notified that the plaintiff herein has paid taxes on the said premises for subsequent years as follows, all of which payments, together with the certificate of delinquency bear interest at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the dates of the several payments:

Year's tax.	Date paid.	Tax receipt.	No. Ctf.
1908	Oct. 6, 1909	192	
1909	June 24, 1910	6493	
1910	May 11, 1911	6612	
	Amount.	Rate of Interest	
	\$4.67	15 per ct.	
	\$5.40	15 per ct.	
	\$8.33	15 per ct.	

Total amount paid since the date of certificate of delinquency \$18.40.

You are hereby further notified that the plaintiff will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforementioned for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described and included in said certificate of delinquency and you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and to defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above described.

This summons is published once each week for eight consecutive weeks by order of the Honorable J. N. Duncan, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, which said order was made and dated the 1st day of June, 1911, and the date of the first publication of this Summons is the 8th day of June, 1911.

All processes and papers in this proceeding may be served upon H. B. Beckett, residing within the state of Oregon, at the address hereinafter mentioned.

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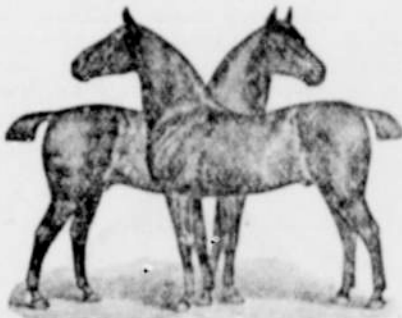
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head of this lumber company. — That's all for today. Goodbye."

Returning to his office in Temple court, Blount found that the morning mail had been busy with him also. There were three invitations from widely separated cities in the state, all based upon the newspaper reports of his Ophir speech, and the afternoon mail brought three more.

It was evident that the campaign of education had struck a popular chord, and the young political manager saw what a miraculous opportunity was opening for the railroad if only the "powers" that Gantry had refused to name could be broad enough and high minded enough to seize it.

After that for three weeks Blount scarcely saw his office in the capital. One appointment followed another in rapid succession, and everywhere there was a repetition of the welcome extended by the Ophir miners—a cordial welcome, generous applause and kindly hospitality at every turn.

It was not until he was deep into the fourth week of the hurrying to and fro that he began to admit a suspicion which grew like a juggler's rose when he had once given it place. These invitations, which were now coming from all parts of the state—could it be possible that they were all spontaneous? And if they were not—

If they were so many subtle moves in the great game he could see no possible end to be subserved by them save one—they were effectually keeping him away from the capital, which was the nucleus and center of the campaign activities.

Was there something going on at headquarters that "the powers" did not wish him to find out? Of one thing he was fairly well assured—Gantry was dodging him, was apparently keeping an accurate record of his movements, for whenever the hurrying to and fro permitted a flying visit to the capital Gantry was always out of town.

With the awakening suspicion came a rapid putting together of two and two. Wherever he went there was always the same pressing hospitality, with many urgings to delay his going. At the same time it became evident in many little ways that he was in reality merely skimming over the surface in his campaign work.

That a hot political fight was going on all around him he could not doubt.

The newspapers were full of it, and in many sections of the state the fight had become acrimonious and bitter. But, although he was supposed to be in the fight, it began to be apparent that he was little more than an on-looker when it came to the really vital struggle of the moment.

It was as if everything had been carefully prearranged, like a sort of triumphal procession. None the less the invisible barrier, the barrier which was shutting him out from the inner workings of the campaign, was there, and he could neither surmount it nor push it aside.

Notwithstanding the hard work and the hard traveling he was doing he did not let the missionary effort outweigh the sturdier purpose, which was to hold his principals rigidly up to the mirror of a vigilant watchfulness.

Arguing that the opposition newspapers would be quick to seize upon any charge of corruption involving the railroad company, he read them faithfully. As yet there had been nothing more than spiteful innuendoes and a raking over of past misdeeds, though many of the editors were charging a secret alliance between his father and McVickar and warning their readers to look out for startling developments later on.

Not content with mere watchfulness, however, Blount got his finger upon the pulse of occasions whenever he could. On his brief stopovers in the capital he kept his eyes and ears open for the earliest hint of any charge of chicanery, and, though he was unable to get hold of Gantry personally, he kept up a steady fire of letters and telegrams, all pointing to the same end—absolute and utter good faith and the upholding of his hands in the public plea for a square deal.

To these the traffic manager replied guardedly, but optimistically. The management was delighted with the good work done and doing by the new division counsel; public opinion was slowly but surely changing; it would be a landslide election, and Blount could take credit for his due.

In all this Blount did not fail to remark that there was never anything said about the Hathaway bargain, and the omission made him the more watchful. A little investigation unearthed other and similar bargains made in the past.

For example, there was a practical and very effective irrigation trust, an alliance, offensive and defensive, of the big irrigation companies. Controlling the water under proprietary rights, as most of them did, these companies could influence many votes among the beneficiary farmers. Land deals in the past with the railroad company had been the basis for corruption here, and, with the electric power people, preferential freight rates had been traded for the votes of employees, as with Hathaway.

Some of these special rates were still in force, as the quiet investigation on the ground developed, whereupon Blount's communications to Gantry took on a more emphatic tone. The tariffs must be revised and one of two things must be done—either the preferential of the favored corporations must be withdrawn or the public rates must be leveled down to meet the specials.

It was on a second speechmaking visit to Ophir that Blount had his first face to face chance at the traffic manager after the opening of the correspondence battle.

A meeting of the Mine Owners' association, moving for a readjustment of the classification on copper matte and bullion at a time when the railroad company might be supposed to be on the giving hand, took Gantry to the great camp in the Carnadine hills, and the first man he met at the hotel was the new dictator of policies for the Transcontinental company.

"Made a mistake, didn't you, Dick, coming while I was here?" said the reformer, with a very lifelike replica of his father's grim smile. "I suppose you've got an immediate engagement to go somewhere or see somebody."

"No; I wish I had," was the hearty admission. "Say, Evan, you are getting to be a perfect nightmare with your letters and telegrams. You've got me so I'm afraid to open my desk. Why can't you let well enough alone? You haven't heard of any skulduggery lately, have you?"

"Nothing new, no. But a housecleaning is supposed to take down all the old cobwebs. Those preferentials for United Electric and the Siwash Land and Improvement!"

"Heavens and earth! You call yourself a lawyer, and yet you ask us to set aside promises that are or ought to be as binding as so many written contracts, with penal attachments! It can't be done, Evan—that's all there is to it; it can't be done."

"Can't" goes out of the window when "must" comes in at the door, Dick. I've been digging into the records, and I have evidence enough to turn the people of this state into a mob that will tear up your tracks if I should publish it."

"But I tell you we can't withdraw the specials, you wild eyed fanatic!"

"All right; then level down the public's rate to fit them. And do it quickly, Dick. The time is growing fearfully short, and my patience isn't what it used to be."

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